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The Maryland State Police recently participated in a PSA to remind motorists of proper school bus safety.

MSP, Maryland Center For School Safety Stress School Bus Safety In New Video

With students back to school, the Maryland State Police worked with the Maryland Center for School Safety to produce a new video to remind drivers to be aware of children on the road.

In the 15-second video, which aired during the week after Labor Day on WBAL-TV and was shared on social media, troopers reminded motorists to be on alert for school buses and not to ignore the red flashing lights when a bus is stopped. Those caught breaking the law by police can cost a driver a \$570 fine, a three-point penalty on their driver's license and on increased auto insurance rates.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), from 2007 to 2016, there were 281 school-age children killed in school transportation-related crashes: 58 were occupants of school transportation vehicles, 116 were occupants of other vehicles, 98 were pedestrians, eight were pedalcyclists and one was another non-occupant. Also, more school-age pedestrians were killed from 6 to 7 a.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m. than any other hour of the day, according to the NHTSA.

To learn more school bus safety tips, visit <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/safety/mhso/program-kids.htm>



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MSP Arrest Dorchester Co. Man In 2001 Cold Case Murder Of Correctional Officer

(VIENNA, Md.) — Maryland State Police homicide investigators arrested a Dorchester County man Sept. 13 in connection with a 2001 cold case involving the murder of a correctional officer.

The accused is identified as John Michael Ingersoll, Jr., 46, of East New Market, Maryland. The Maryland State Apprehension Team arrested Ingersoll in Easton, Maryland at 11:05 a.m. on Sept. 13. Ingersoll is charged with first and second degree murder, and other related offenses. The Grand Jury of Dorchester County handed down an indictment this morning, charging Ingersoll for the 2001 murder after the Office of the State's Attorney for Dorchester County presented the case. Ingersoll is being held in the Dorchester County Detention Center pending trial.

The deceased, Gregory Guy Collins, 31, of Vienna, Maryland was a three-year veteran of the Division of Correction and a member of the Maryland National Guard. Correctional Officer Collins was shot and killed while traveling toward his home after working his shift at the Eastern Correctional Institution in Somerset County during the early morning hours on Monday, June 4, 2001.



Shortly before 4:00 p.m. on June 4, 2001, Correctional Officer Collins was reported missing when he failed to return home after his evening shift at the Eastern Correctional Institution in Princess Anne. He had reportedly finished his shift around midnight and was driving a gray Toyota pickup truck when the incident occurred.

A responding Maryland state trooper noticed a wooded area along Indiantown Road, one mile east of Route 331, where it appeared a vehicle had left the roadway. The trooper checked the area further and found Correctional Officer Collins unresponsive inside his truck.

The Maryland State Police Homicide Unit worked in coordination with several law enforcement partners to bring this

unsolved homicide investigation to a close. Assistance was provided by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Eastern Correctional Institution in Princess Anne, the Office of the State's Attorney for Dorchester County, Federal Bureau of Investigation Baltimore Division, Talbot County Task Force, Maryland State Police from the Easton Barrack, Talbot County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Apprehension Team and the Criminal Enforcement Division Upper Shore.

William H. Jones, State's Attorney for Dorchester County, reminds the public that the Indictment is an allegation, and that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.



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MSP Recovers Victim's \$17,500 While Investigating Computer Scam In Cecil County

(NORTH EAST, MD) – Maryland State Police are investigating a computer scam in which a victim was nearly bilked out of tens of thousands of dollars.

At about 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 23, a female victim entered the Maryland State Police North East barrack to report a phone/computer scam. The victim said that she began receiving phone calls about her computer virus software being set to expire. She soon provided her bank information to the suspects who took control of her bank account and withdrew \$350.

The victim told investigators that she asked for a refund. However, the suspect instead moved approximately \$35,000 from the victim's savings account into her checking account. The suspect then told her they "accidentally" deposited the money from the company into her checking account.

The suspect told the victim he needed her to return the money in cash or he would lose his job. She was told that she could pay in two

installments. The victim then traveled to her bank and withdrew \$17,500.

The victim packaged the money in plastic and wrapped in duct tape. The victim sent the package to an address in California via FedEx priority shipping before becoming suspicious and contacting state police.

Investigators obtained tracking information and contacted the FedEx fraud department. FedEx security intercepted the package prior to it being loaded on a route delivery vehicle. The package was opened and found to contain the \$17,500 sent by the victim. FedEx security conducted an audit of the California address and discovered a second suspicious package that also contained a large amount of money.



These scammers are using scare tactics and sophisticated technology to attempt to take advantage of the public. If you have a family member who may be susceptible to such a scam, please be aware and ensure they are aware of these scams so they do not fall victim to them.

Never give any personal information over the phone, and only allow a qualified reputable computer technician the ability to repair your computer should it become infected with a virus.

Many of these telephone scams are disguising themselves by utilizing local telephone number prefixes.

Anyone who receives such a phone call should hang up and then contact their local state police barrack. Callers may remain anonymous.

This case remains under investigation.



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Multi-Jurisdictional Crime Reduction Effort Yields 18 Arrests In Wicomico County

(SALISBURY, MD) — Maryland State Police, in partnership with allied agencies, assisted in the arrest of 18 people, as part of a two-part multi-jurisdictional effort to reduce the amount of crimes of violence and firearm violations in Wicomico County.

As part of a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement operation, the Maryland State Police Gang Enforcement Unit-East, along with allied law enforcement agencies in Maryland, planned, coordinated and implemented a crime fighting initiative. The goal was to help further numerous recent on-going investigations regarding crimes of violence, handgun violations and other crimes that had been reported in specific locations of Salisbury, Maryland.

The operation focused on gathering information and identifying criminal gang members and suspects of open criminal investigations. The first



phase of the operation was conducted on Aug 22 and yielded seven arrests. In addition, 39.7 grams of marijuana, 2 grams of heroin, 42.3 grams of fentanyl, 10.1 grams of cocaine, 15 ecstasy pills along with illegal prescription pills were seized as a result of the arrests.

The second phase of the operation on Aug. 29 led to 11 arrests being made.

Along with the arrests, the operation also yielded the following:

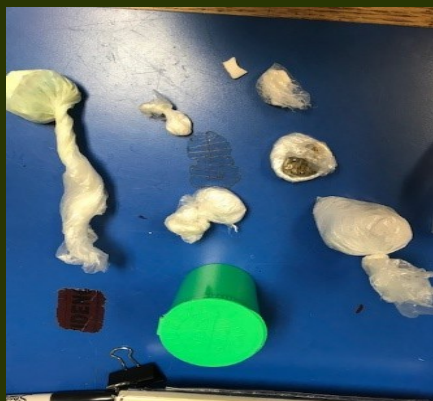
- 55 traffic stops
- 71 traffic citations
- 2 firearms
- Seizure of suspected controlled dangerous substances including fentanyl, cocaine, marijuana and alprazolam.

The operation also led to the arrest

of a 16-year-old male on drug distribution charges. In addition, at least one of those arrested had ties to an organized gang.

The Maryland State Police Gang Enforcement Unit- East partnered with the Salisbury Police Department, Wicomico County State's Attorney Office, Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security Investigations-RAC Eastern Shore Office, Maryland State Police Gun Enforcement Unit- East, Maryland State Police S.T.A.T.E. Team, Maryland State Police Salisbury Barrack and the Wicomico County Narcotics Task Force to complete this operation.

This investigation was made possible in part due to funds provided by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP), which supports the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN).





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The Maryland State Police and the Department of General Services mark the start of the construction of a new Cumberland Barrack.

Groundbreaking Ceremony Kicks Off Construction Of New Cumberland Barrack

(CUMBERLAND) — The Maryland State Police, along with the Department of General Services held a groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 17 to recognize the start of the construction of a new Cumberland Barrack.

Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel William Pallozzi was joined by current and retired troopers, elected officials, members of the community and other dignitaries for the ceremony. The site of the new barrack is also where the former building once stood.

It was decommissioned on Nov. 29, 2018. At that time, the Cumberland Barrack had become the oldest barrack in the state. The now-former

Cumberland Barrack, located at 1125 National Highway, had been in continual operation for 62 years.

Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland General Assembly approved plans for a new state-of-the-art facility to replace the aging and outdated barrack. The new barrack will take about two years to complete and will be built on the site of the former barrack.

The troopers and civilian staff at the Cumberland Barrack have relocated temporarily to the Allegany County Emergency Operations Center, located at 11400 Pittsburgh Plate Glass Road SE, Cumberland, Maryland.



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Westminster Barrack Commander Participates In ‘Cop On A Roof’ Event For Special Olympics Maryland

(WESTMINSTER, MD) — Lt. Rebecca Bosley, commander of the Maryland State Police Westminster Barrack, recently joined other law enforcement officials from across Carroll County to help raise more than \$18,100 for Special Olympics Maryland.

The effort came as a result of the “Cop on a Roof” event, held Aug. 17 and 18 at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts. As part of the event, Lt. Bosley, along with Carroll County State’s Attorney

Brian DeLeonardo, Carroll County Sheriff Jim DeWees and Westminster Police Chief Tom Ledwell spent 30 hours on the roof of the business.

The initial goal of the effort was to raise \$12,000 to support Special Olympics Maryland.

This year’s event represented the tenth annual “Cop on a Roof” event in Westminster. During that time, Carroll County law enforcement has raised more than \$106,800 for the athletes of

Special Olympics Maryland.

Special Olympics Maryland is a year-round sports organization dedicated to providing quality sports training and competition opportunities to Maryland’s children and adults with intellectual disabilities and/or closely related development disabilities. SOMD currently provides thousands of sports experiences annually for athletes statewide, and offers 24 sports, all at no cost to the athletes or their families.



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MSP Stresses Importance Of Proper Child Safety Seat Usage

Safety Tip of the Month

Use caution when transitioning your child from a booster to a seat belt. Make sure the seat belt does not rest on the stomach area, or across the neck or face. Parents can sometimes rush the transition from booster to seat belt. A seat belt won't properly protect your child if the fit isn't correct. Know for sure that your child is buckled in safely and correctly – every trip, every time. LEARN MORE: www.nhtsa.gov/carseat



(PIKESVILLE, MD) – With Sept. 15-21 being national Child Passenger Safety Week, Maryland State Police reminded the public the importance of ensuring that motorists are utilizing the correct car seat and that it is being properly installed and utilized.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 723 children ages 12 and younger died and another 128,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2016. Of those, 35 percent were not buckled up.

Proper use of car seats and booster seats, when utilized correctly greatly reduce the chances children have of getting injured or killed in a vehicle crash. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury in a crash by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following:

- Keeping children in rear-facing seats as long as possible, at least until age 2. This is the safest way for your little ones to travel.
- Switching to forward-facing only when the child exceeds the rear-facing weight limit. It's okay if their feet touch the back seat. They'll still be safe and comfortable.
- Changing to a belt-positioning



booster seat only after they outgrow their car seat. Again, always consult the manufacturer instructions for weight limits.

Maryland's current law requires that children under 8 must ride in an appropriate child restraint, unless that child is 4-foot-9 or taller. Also, every child from 8 to 16 who is not secured in a child restraint must be secured by the vehicle's seat belt. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure all children are correctly buckled. Violators of this law are subject to an \$83 fine.

For more information and resources on child safety seats, contact Kids in Safety Seats (KISS) at 800-370-SEAT or visit <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/oehtp/kiss/Pages/Home.aspx>



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Md. Wear And Carry Permit Application Process Goes Online Beginning Oct. 1, 2019

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – As part of our ongoing efforts to improve customer service, the Maryland State Police is proud to announce that the application process for a Maryland Wear and Carry Permit will be transitioned from a hand-written paper application to the online Licensing Portal.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2019, those applying for a Maryland Wear and Carry Permit will complete and submit the application online. Individuals will be able to apply online using a computer, tablet or mobile phone, regardless of the operating system. All current web browsers are also supported by the Licensing Portal.

Paper Wear and Carry Permit applications postmarked or hand delivered on or before Sept. 30, 2019, will be accepted and will be processed as per current procedures. Paper Wear and Carry applications submitted on or after Oct. 1, 2019 will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant with instructions to submit the Wear and Carry Permit application via the Licensing Portal.

Little has changed in the questions and documentation requirements to complete the application process. Applicants will continue to provide the same information currently required on the paper Wear and Carry Permit



application. All required documentation, including the passport-sized photograph and Livescan fingerprint receipt, can easily be uploaded by the applicant prior to submission of the application.

Applicants will be required to have a valid email account. This will give the applicant the ability to see the most current status of their application and allow the Maryland State Police Licensing Division to send notifications, follow-up and reminder correspondence. Applicants who already have a Licensing Portal account will not be required to create a new account. These applicants will use their current 77R Portal account login credentials to continue logging into the Licensing Portal.

In addition to designing, documenting and testing the online application process,

Maryland State Police Licensing Division personnel have been busy conducting training in the new process. Seminars for firearm dealers and instructors have been conducted throughout the state.

The goal of the automated Wear and Carry Permit application process is to increase the ease and efficiency of applying for a Wear and Carry Permit in Maryland. The online system will offer a new level of transparency and keep the applicant informed at every step of the process. The Maryland State Police Licensing Division staff is continuing their efforts to promptly investigate and approve those eligible for a wear and carry permit, while ensuring those prohibited by law are not approved.

Further information is available by clicking on "Licensing Division," on the Maryland State Police website at mdsp.maryland.gov.



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PHOTOS: Pack The Maryland State Police Patrol Car



On Sept. 19, 2019, the Cecil County community came out to support the troopers at the Maryland State Police North East Barrack for their “Pack the Patrol Car” initiative. The event to collect donated food coincided with Hunger Action Month. Troopers filled three vehicles with food items, all of which were donated to the Maryland Food Bank and their parent organizations.

